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LETTER DATED 1 JULY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations dated 24 June 1994 (S/1994/753) containing allegations that Iraqi vessels have flown the Iranian flag when navigating on the Shatt al-Arab, I should like to transmit to you the Government of Iraq's formal denial of these allegations.

Iran is seeking by these allegations to cover up its repeated offences and arbitrary practices against Iraqi vessels in the Shatt al-Arab, including its seizure of Iraqi fishing-boats, its killing of innocent fishermen, its constant violation of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries in the border zone, its repeated violation of the Tehran Agreement concerning the area of separation and its operation of armed military patrols on the Shatt al-Arab in violation of this Agreement.

In notifying you of this formal denial, I should like to draw your attention to the gravity of the Iranian violations which have been steadily increasing since the beginning of this year and which have been documented in our letters to you, the most recent being that dated 17 June 1994 (S/1994/721), which enumerates 54 violations for the period from 29 March to 31 May 1994. The particulars of these violations represent documented facts that discredit Iran's baseless allegations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saeed H. HASAN
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